

Davidson Family Papers

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1 mss box

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Biographical Note:

Mary Abigail Porter was born in Eugene, Vermillion County, Indiana, in 1834. Her parents were John R. Porter, an Indiana judge, and Mary Worth. She had two brothers, Isaac (b. 1833) and Charles Dewey (b. 1843). On August 23, 1859, Abigail married *David M. Davidson*. David M. Davidson was born on December 22, 1822, to James B. and Orpha (McMechen) Davidson. David was one of ten children. He attended St. Louis Medical College. Abigail and David had two children, Alice (b. 1860) and David M. Mary Abigail Porter died on May 19, 1881. Her husband, David M. Davidson, died in March 1862, in Fort Jones, California.

David M. Davidson, son of Mary Abigail Porter and David M. Davidson, was born on January 23, 1862, in Fort Jones, California. He had one sister, Alice. On November 27, 1890, David married Edith L. Haworth. Edith was born on March 3, 1865, in Georgetown, Illinois. Her parents were Calvin and Melissa S. (Lewis) Haworth. David and Edith had six children, Abigail Melissa, Mary Alice (b. 1893), Mark, Benjamin F. (b. 1896), Orpah (Orpha) (b. 1898), and Emily N. (b. 1902). David M. Davidson died around 1925. Edith died around 1935.

Abigail Melissa Davidson, daughter of David M. Davidson and Edith L. Haworth and sister of David M. Davidson, was born on October 6, 1891, in Cayuga, Indiana. In 1933, she married James Clutterbuck. Abigail died in January 1978, in Newport, Indiana.

Mark Davidson, son of David M. Davidson and Edith Haworth, was born on November 3, 1894, in Cayuga, Indiana. He served in World War I but was severely wounded shortly after arriving in France. Mark died in September 1985, in Cayuga, Indiana.

Source:

Ancestry Library. Indiana State Library. 1 May 2006. <<http://www.ancestrylibrary.com>>.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains Davidson family correspondence, including that of Abigail Porter Davidson, David M. Davidson, and their grandson, Mark Davidson. There are some letters to Alice Davidson. Among Abigail Porter Davidson's letters are those to her brother Isaac and David's brothers, James and William. Mark Davidson's letters are those he wrote home during World War I. He was stationed in Mississippi before being deployed to France. After a short time in France, he was wounded and spent the rest of the war in military hospitals overseas and in the United States. Once released from the hospital, he wrote from an Agricultural School. Also included are a scrapbook of Abigail Melissa Davidson and programs and announcements.

Box and Folder Listing:

1 Box.

Folder

1. Abigail and David M. Davidson letters, 1859-1861
 2. Abigail and David M. Davidson letters, 1862-1863
 3. Abigail Porter Davidson letters, 1864-1876
 4. Davidson family letters, 1911, undated
 5. Mark Davidson letters, Sept.-Dec. 1917
 6. Mark Davidson letters, Jan.-Mar. 1918
 7. Mark Davidson letters, Apr.-Oct. 1918
 8. Mark Davidson letters, Nov. 1918-June 1919
 9. Mark Davidson letters, July 1919-Nov. 1920
 10. Abigail Davidson scrapbook, 1920-1928
 11. Programs and announcements, 1925-1936, undated
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Collection Information:

<i>Size of Collection:</i>	1 manuscript box
<i>Collection Dates:</i>	1859-1936, undated, bulk 1917-1920
<i>Provenance:</i>	Mrs. Abigail Clutterbuck, 1967
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<i>Alternate Formats:</i>	None
<i>Related Holdings:</i>	L209, MS-214, John R. Porter correspondence
<i>Notes:</i>	
